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...YOU'RE THE "CLEARING" SNAKE?

VUN
(VOOM)

...WELL, WELL.

IT IS AN HONOR TO MEET YOU...

...MY BELOVED MASTER.

SILENCE.

DETACHING YOUR SPIRIT LIKE THAT...

IT APPEARS TO BE DERIVED FROM "AWAKENING," I BELIEVE...

I HAD NO IDEA YOU ALREADY HAD THAT IN HAND...

I'M ASKING THE QUES-TIONS...

...AND YOU'RE ANSWER-ING THEM.

A THOU-SAND PARDONS.

YES...

I AM INDEED THE "SNAKE" YOU SPOKE OF.

A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU.

...YOU'VE GROWN INTO A SPLENDID WOMAN.

THIS IS QUITE A SURPRISE, THOUGH.

I CAME HERE IN ORDER TO MEET YOU...

...ONLY TO BE GREETED BY A PROJECTED IMAGE.

SO YOU LEFT ONLY YOUR PRESENCE IN THIS PLACE...

...AND USED "DRAWING" TO ATTRACT MY ATTENTION, DID YOU?

BUT WHY?

TAKING SUCH PAINS TO SET UP THIS MEETING...

I'M CERTAIN THIS IS NOT THE FIRST YOU'VE LEARNED OF ME?

MY, ANOTHER SUR—

YOU...

THERE'S SOMETHING I WANTED TO ASK YOU DIRECTLY.

...ARE TRYING TO REWIND THE WORLD, AREN'T YOU?

HOW...DID YOU...?

ALL THE SNAKES EXIST TO FULFILL THEIR MASTER'S DESIRES.

OUR ABILITIES WERE CRAFTED TO HELP MAKE OUR DREAMS COME TRUE.

IT WAS SHOWN TO ME.

"FAVORING"'S MEMORY TRANSFER...!

BUT EVEN AFTER YOU CREATED THE ENDLESS WORLD—THE "KAGEROU DAZE"...

...ALMOST AS IF YOU HAVE ANOTHER PURPOSE IN MIND.

EVEN AFTER FULFILLING AZAMI'S ONE WISH, YOU'VE REMAINED ALIVE, SLIPPING INTO OTHER PEOPLE'S BODIES.

THE STRONGEST OF AZAMI'S DESIRES...

...CONCEIVED IN THE DEEPEST RECESSES OF HER MIND.

...WAS SOMETHING HOPED FOR EVEN BEFORE AZAMI THOUGHT OF HER "ENDLESS WORLD."

IF SO...

...THE REAL DESIRE YOU'RE LIVING OFF OF...

SHE WANTED TO KNOW...

...EXACTLY WHAT SHE WAS.

BUT IN YOUR EYES...

...IT WAS AS IF THE DESIRE THAT HAD GIVEN YOUR LIFE MEANING WAS BEING THROWN AWAY.

INSIDE HER MEMORIES...

...AZAMI SAID MEETING PEOPLE MADE HER NOT CARE WHO SHE WAS ANY LONGER.

YOU PUT THE DESIRE THAT ESTABLISHED YOU AHEAD OF THE WILL OF YOUR MASTER.

YOU WERE AFRAID.

AFRAID YOU'D LOSE YOURSELF AS THAT DESIRE FADED.

...SO YOU COULD DENY HER THIS WORLD, WHICH CLOUDED HER DESIRES SO MUCH...

YOU TAUGHT AZAMI HOW TO CREATE THE KAGEROU DAZE...

NOW YOU'RE TRYING TO USE ME BY AWAKENING MY MEDUSA SELF.

YOU WANT TO TAKE THIS WORLD THAT CHANGED AZAMI FOR GOOD...

...AND MAKE IT SO IT NEVER EXISTED.

...WELL.

I AM IM-
PRESSED
...

...YOU'VE MADE IT THAT FAR ALONG.

...AND LOOK AT HOW MUCH YOU'VE MATURED.

...A FOOL UNABLE TO FULLY CARRY OUT HER OWN ROLE...

BORN INTO A MERE REFLECTION OF MY MASTER'S WORLD...

TRULY ...

...IT WILL BE EXCITING TO BREAK YOU.

THE "DESIRE" OF MY TRUE MASTER...

...IS THE ESSENCE, THE ONLY SUPREME TRUTH TO THIS WORLD.

BESIDE IT, ALL ELSE IN THIS WORLD...

...IS GARBAGE BY COMPARISON.

YES!

YES...

IT IS JUST AS YOU SAY.

HERE IS THE ANSWER:

DO IT OVER AGAIN!

ALL OF IT!

WHAT VALUE COULD THERE BE IN SOMETHING LIKE THAT CONTINUING TO EXIST?

JUST...

...A SANDBOX UNWORTHY OF VALIDATING MY MASTER'S EXISTENCE.

YOU MAY THINK YOU CAN RUN FROM IT...

...BUT ALL YOU'VE DONE IS DELAY ME.

THIS SCRIPT CAN NO LONGER BE REWRITTEN!

...WILL BE REBORN INTO ITS NEXT INCARNA-TION!!

THIS WORLD...

...WHAT WOULD BE THE POINT OF HIDING ANYTHING NOW?

AND THAT'S WHY...

...MY MOTHER...

...AND EVERYONE ELSE WAS MADE TO ENDURE ALL THEY DID?

.....

IS THAT...

IS THAT TRULY YOUR GOAL?

WELL?

WHAT IF IT WAS?

THEN I SWEAR...

...I'LL NEVER ...

...LET IT PASS !!

BUWA (WOOSH)

...THIS WORLD WILL NEVER YIELD TO YOU.

EVEN IF IT WAS MADE BY SOMEONE...

BIRI

BIRI (RATTLE)

BIRI

PISHI (CRACK)

THE PEOPLE I BELIEVE IN...

...WILL NEVER LOSE TO SOMEONE LIKE YOU.

AND THIS WORLD I'VE COME TO LOVE...!

GU (CLENCH)

WILL NEVER ...

...GIVE UP ON ITS OWN FUTURE !!

ZAA
(ZSSH)

WE ARE READY TO FIGHT YOU.

SO COME TO ME NOW...

...SNAKE OF "CLEARING EYES."

...I USED "CONCEALING"...

...TO SHUT OFF YOUR PERCEPTION OF EVERYTHING AROUND YOU.

YOU CAN'T TAKE YOUR EYES OFF ME, CAN YOU?

THEY'RE PERMANENTLY "DRAWN" TO ME NOW...

...AND YOU CAN'T POINT YOUR THOUGHTS TOWARD ANYTHING BUT ME.

ME, RUN AWAY?

DON'T BE CRAZY.

I...

...AM EXTREMELY MAD RIGHT NOW.

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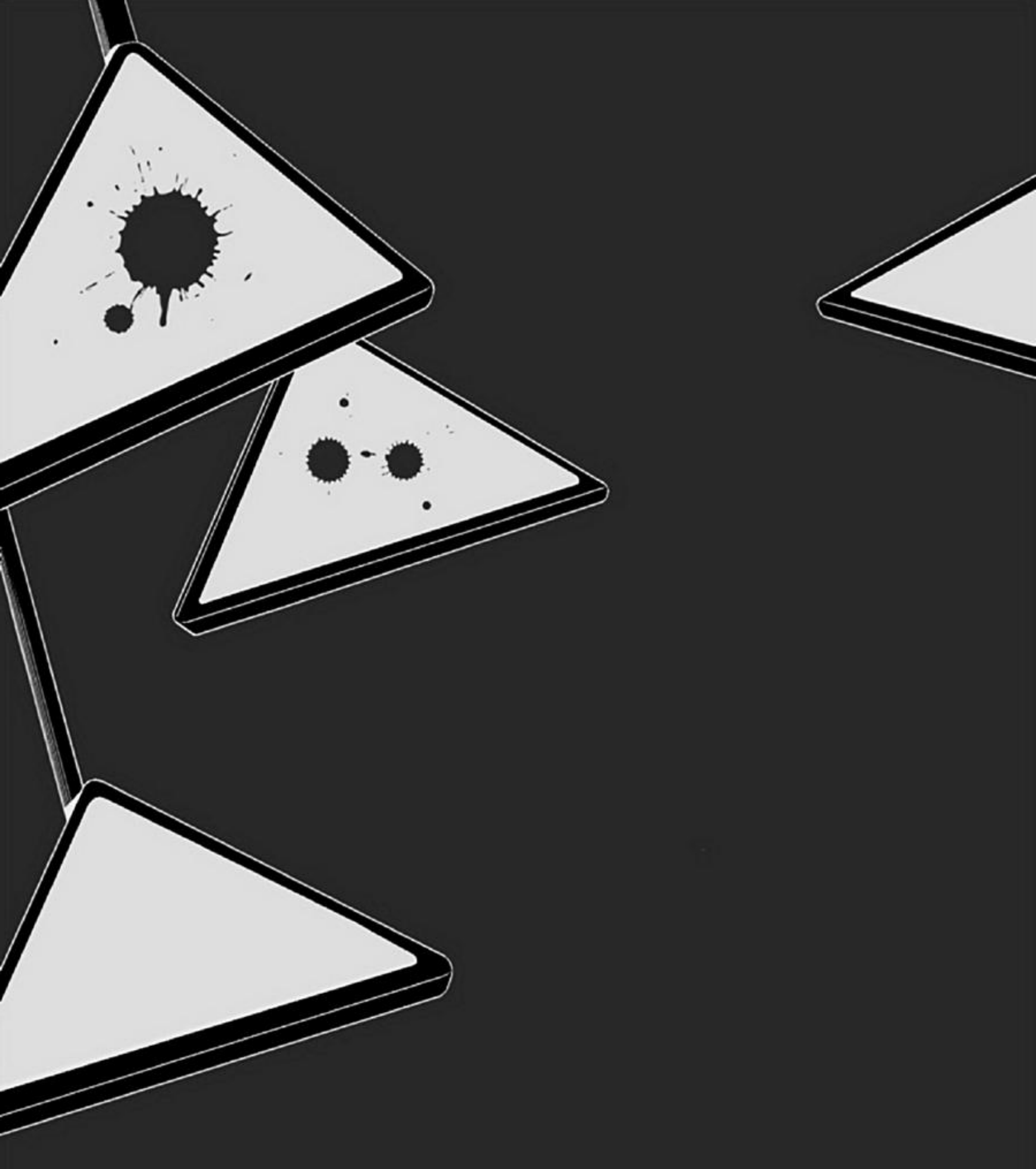

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Jin

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

I LOVE ENE-CHAN!

MAHIRO SATOU
佐藤まひろ

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YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THE END!!

NEXT

AT LONG LAST, THE NEXT VOLUME WILL BE THE FINAL CHAPTER.

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